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In re Application of

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure

Customer Number: 20277

Shuji HIRAO, et al.

Confirmation Number: 4984

Examiner: CARDID EVERHART

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Filed: August 20, 2003

Application No.: 10/643,980

Group Art Unit: 2825

For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached: 3 Technical Publications (16 pages)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	35	23	12	\$50.00 =	\$600.00
Independent Claims	4 ·	3	1	\$200.00 =	\$200.00
		Multiple dependent claims newly presented			\$0.00
Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$800.00

 \boxtimes Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$800.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

 \boxtimes The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

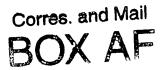
Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 4, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 3, 2005 (Sunday), reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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